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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE AND REQUEST TO EXTEND

SIR:

Please find a Response to an Office Action dated December 20, 2001 (the
three month date for which has been extended by three months from March 20, 2002 to June
20, 2002), transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is
believed to be **\$920.00** for the three month extension, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**, and is
also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any
other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.
Two duplicate copies of this transmittal letter are enclosed for those purposes.

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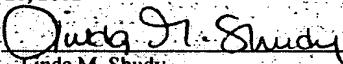
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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed on December 20, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 18 to 36 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

With respect to the "Priority" section at page 2 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants are not obligated to file a certified copy of the foreign priority document. Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP98/06911. Accordingly, for this matter, the International Bureau is the appropriate authority for requesting a copy of the foreign priority document (to the International Application). See MPEP 1895.01(C).

With respect to the "Claim Rejections" section at page 2 of the Office Action, claims 18 to 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent